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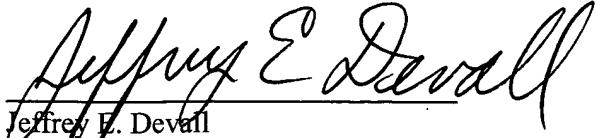
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Upon receipt of the Office Action of September 2, 2003, Applicant's attorneys contacted me, the inventor Jeffrey E. Devall, and requested that I review my invention file for the above-identified application and to supply the undersigned with evidence of conception of the invention prior to the 35 U.S.C. 102(e) date of February 16, 2001 for the De Capua et al. Patent Publication No. 2002/01112757. Attached is a drawing showing the structure illustrated in the Fig. 14 drawing of De Capua et al. which drawing has a February 8, 1901 date and which date antecedes the 2(e) date of De Capua et al.

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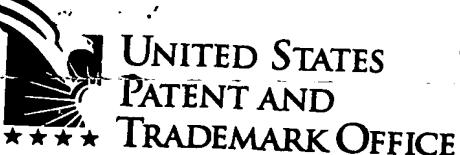
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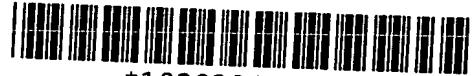
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Jeffrey E. DEVALL

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